



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Murder Investigation**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – June 19, 2013**

Officers and detectives from the Santa Barbara Police Department are currently investigating a murder.

On June 18, 2013, at 10:49 p.m., SBPD officers responded to a call of a fight to the rear of the church at 925 Santa Barbara Street. Upon arrival they discovered the location of the incident to be the parking lot shared by the church and several businesses located on the 900 block of Santa Barbara Street and the 100 block of E. Carrillo Street. There they found a 57-year old male suffering from life-threatening stab wounds. The victim was transported by paramedics to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Emergency Room where he was pronounced dead at 11:33 p.m. The victim has been identified and is known to be homeless and of Santa Barbara. Investigators have not determined if this incident is gang related. No arrests have been made.

This investigation is ongoing and additional details, including the victim's name, are being withheld. Anyone with information is asked to contact SBPD Crimes Against Persons Detective Charlie Katsapis at (805) 897-2344 / [ckatsapis@sbpd.com](mailto:ckatsapis@sbpd.com), or to call anonymously to (805) 897-2386.

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